

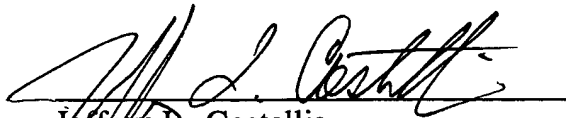
Claims 1-13 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims of U.S. Patent No. 5,629,245.

Applicants are currently preparing a *Terminal Disclaimer* in order to overcome the double patenting rejection based on U.S. Patent No. 5,629,245. The Terminal Disclaimer will be submitted as soon as it is received by the undersigned.

New claims 14-52 are added to complete the scope of protection to which Applicants are entitled. Support for the limitations of these claims are generally provided on pages 6 and 7 of the specification of the instant application.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the rejections of record be reconsidered and withdrawn by the Examiner, that claims 1-13, be allowed, that new claims 14-52 be allowed and that the application be passed to issue. If a conference would expedite prosecution of the instant application, the Examiner is hereby invited to telephone the undersigned to arrange such a conference.

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